

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 574

By Herron

A RESOLUTION To congratulate Jim Rippy, Jr. on being named "Pride of Obion County" and commend him for his honorable and astute service to the people of Obion County and Tennessee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jim Rippy, Jr. was recently added to a list of elite community leaders being named the "2001 Pride of Obion County," an award based on the nominees' civic leadership, community involvement and enrichment, respect by peers, and dedication to area growth and development; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Obion County and a graduate of Union City High School, Jim Rippy returned home in 1960 after graduating from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to Obion County, Mr. Rippy immersed himself in local activities, including the Jaycees, Babe Ruth Baseball, and the Obion County Fair, quickly becoming an integral member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Currently, he holds the position of General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of Union City Insurance Agency Group, a position in which he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, President-Elect of the Insurors of Tennessee, Mr. Rippy also holds a seat on the Executive Committee as Vice President of Region I; in 1999, he was selected for the "Sam Walton Business Leader Award"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rippy's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Obion County Industrial Development Board, he has served 10 years on the Obion County Commission and 20 years as the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Jim Rippy has served as past president of the Union City Jaycees, the Union City Rotary Club, the Obion County Chamber of Commerce, the Obion County Fair, and the Tennessee Association of Fairs; and

WHEREAS, Most recently, he headed the building committee for the Family Life Center built by his church, First United Methodist Church in Union City; and

WHEREAS, Jim Rippy is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, Mr. Rippy is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Martha; their three children, Alison Treen, Bill Lawrence, and Dr. Peter Lawrence; and their six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jim Rippy is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Jim Rippy, Jr. on being named "Pride of Obion County," commend him for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Obion County and Tennessee, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.